

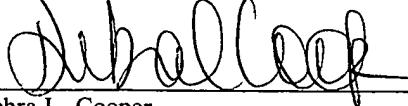
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Appn. No. : 09/889,620
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Confirmation No. : 7130
For : VACUUM-INSULATED EXHAUST TREATMENT DEVICE WITH
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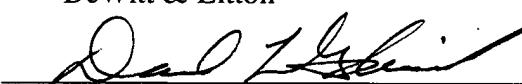
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Respectfully submitted,

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